

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 09/290,170  
Filed: April 13, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2836  
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For: ENERGY AND POWER INTERCHANGE  
SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 1, before the first line of the specification please insert the sentence:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/290,170, filed April 13, 1999.--

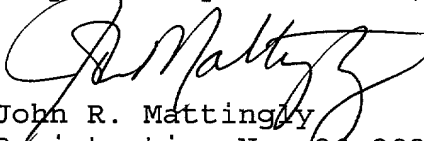
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 2-18.

**REMARKS**

Entry and examination of the foregoing amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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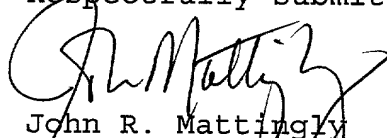
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicants request approval of the proposed drawing corrections indicated on the attached copies of Figs. 1-4, 6, 11, and 14, to correct minor informalities and to label elements in accordance with a requirement of the Examiner. These drawing corrections are the same as those requested in parent application Ser. No. 09/290,170 on November 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

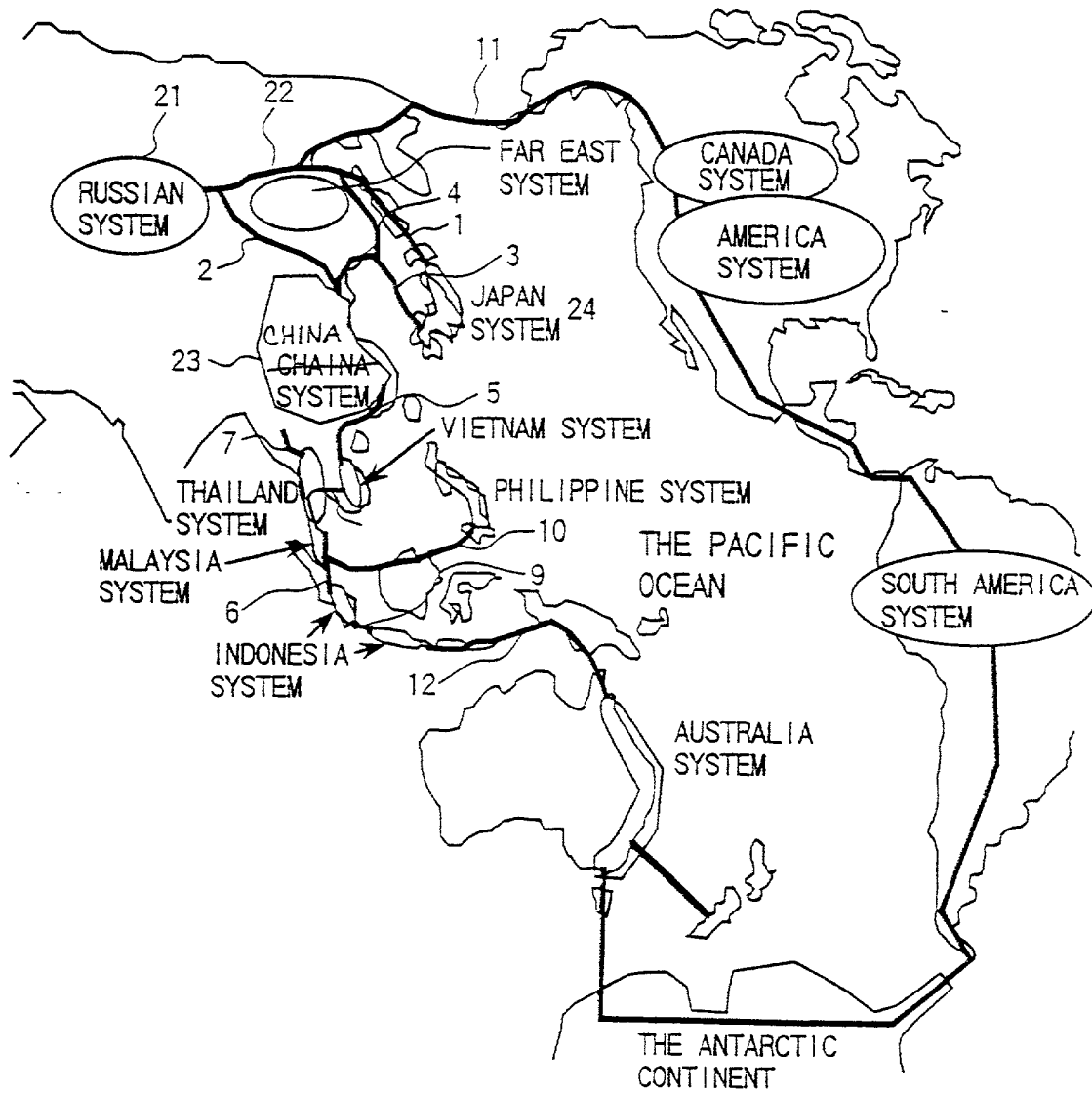


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FIG. 1



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FIG.2

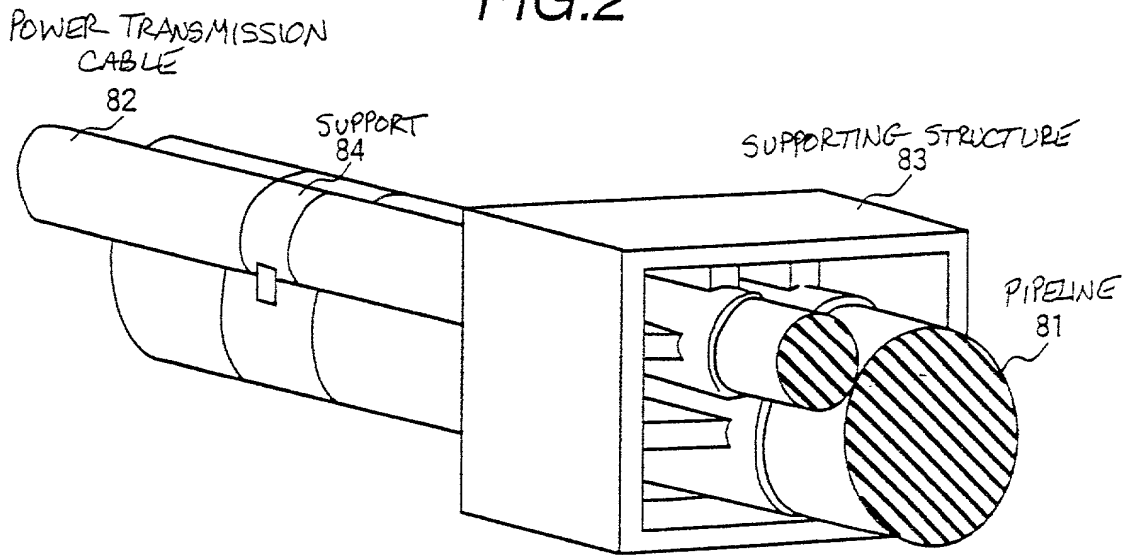


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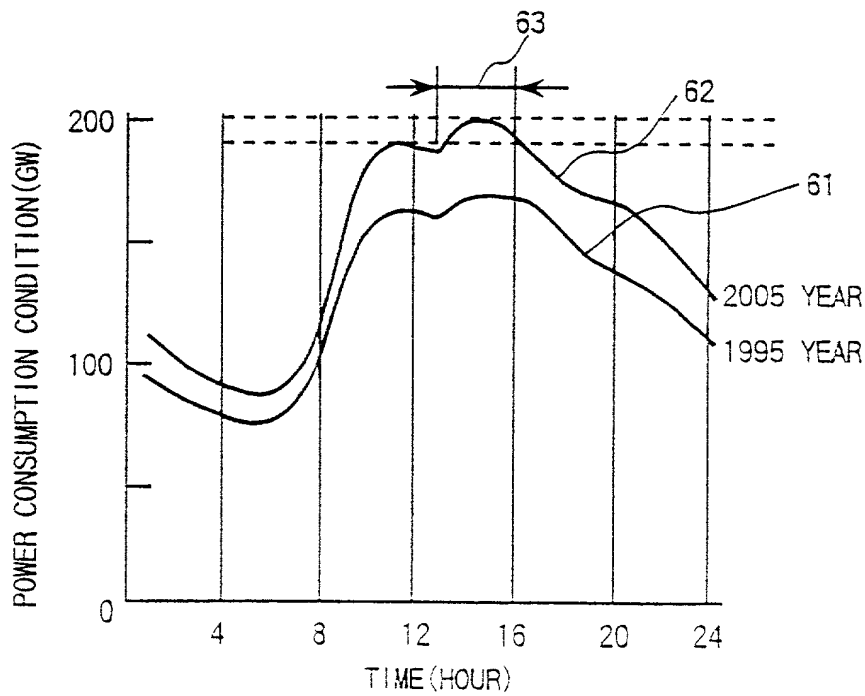


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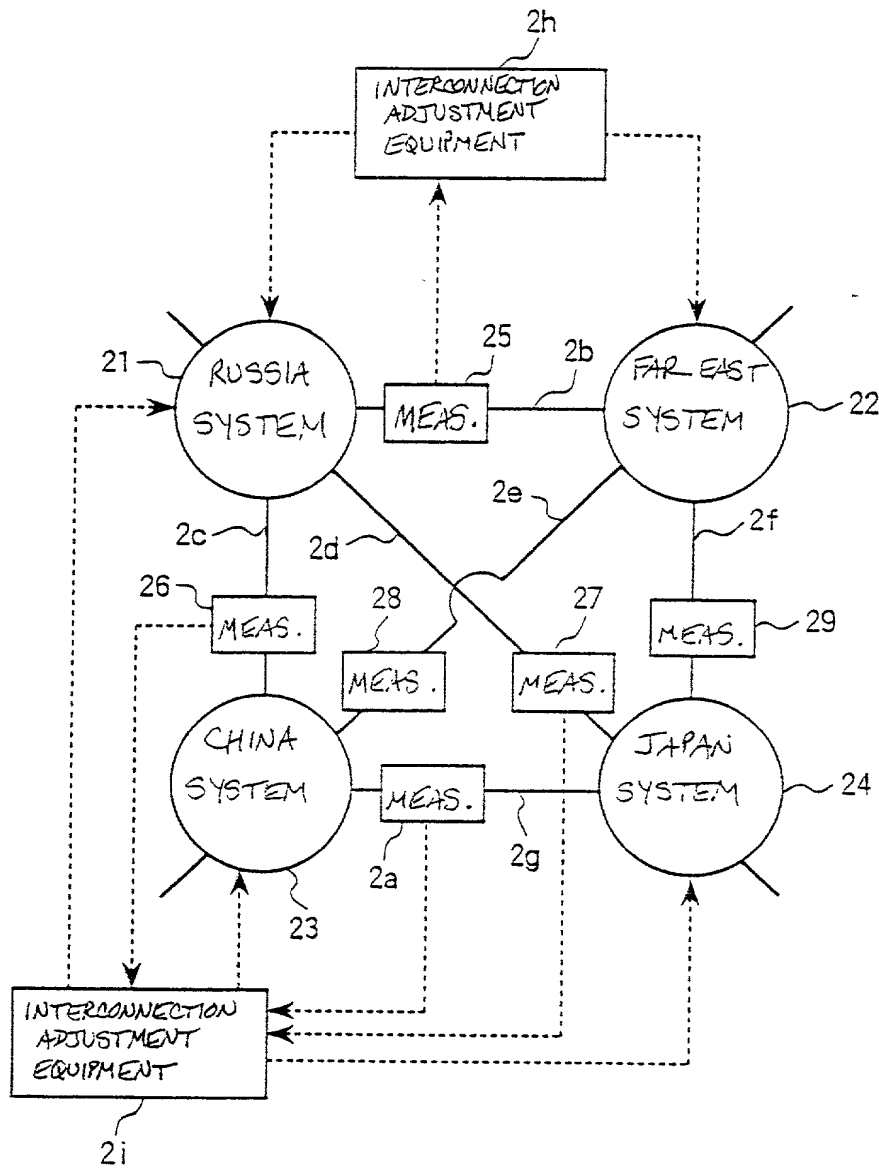


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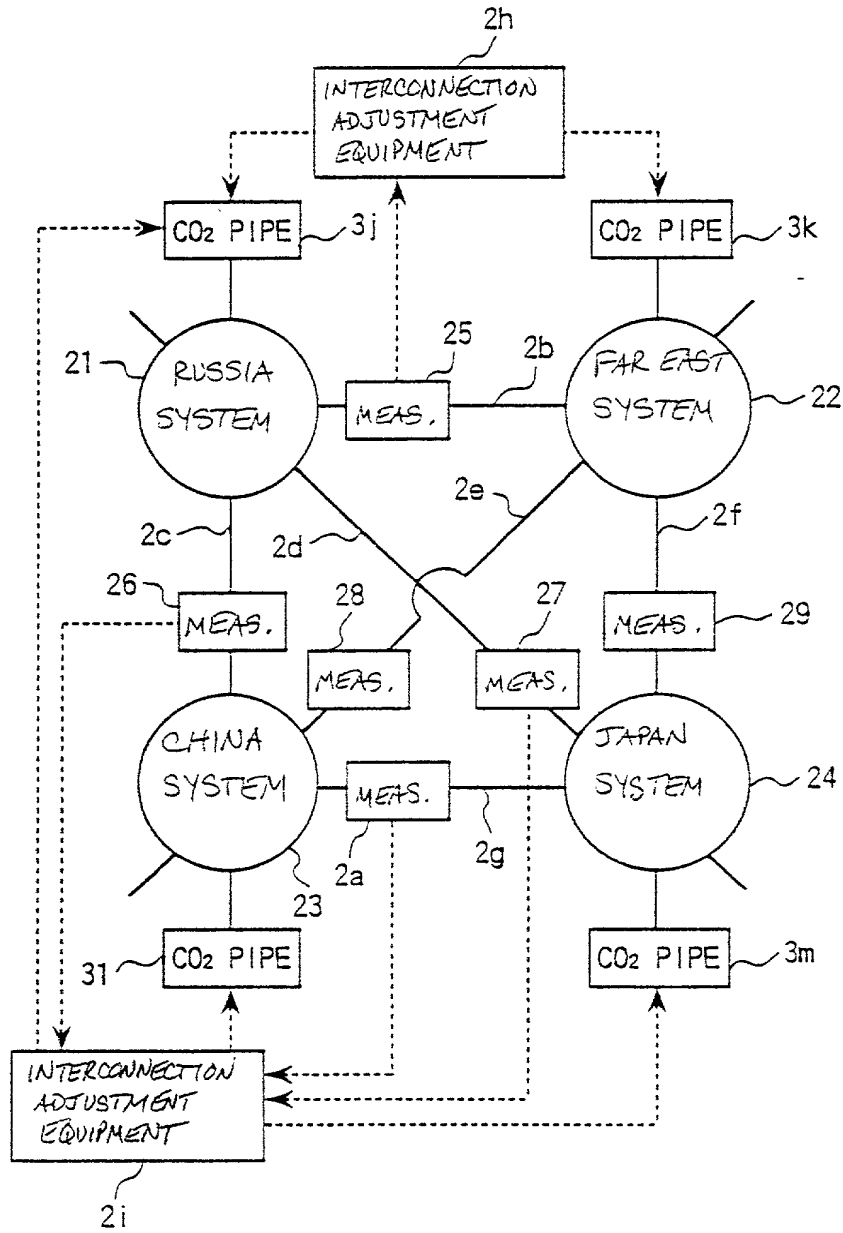


FIG. 6

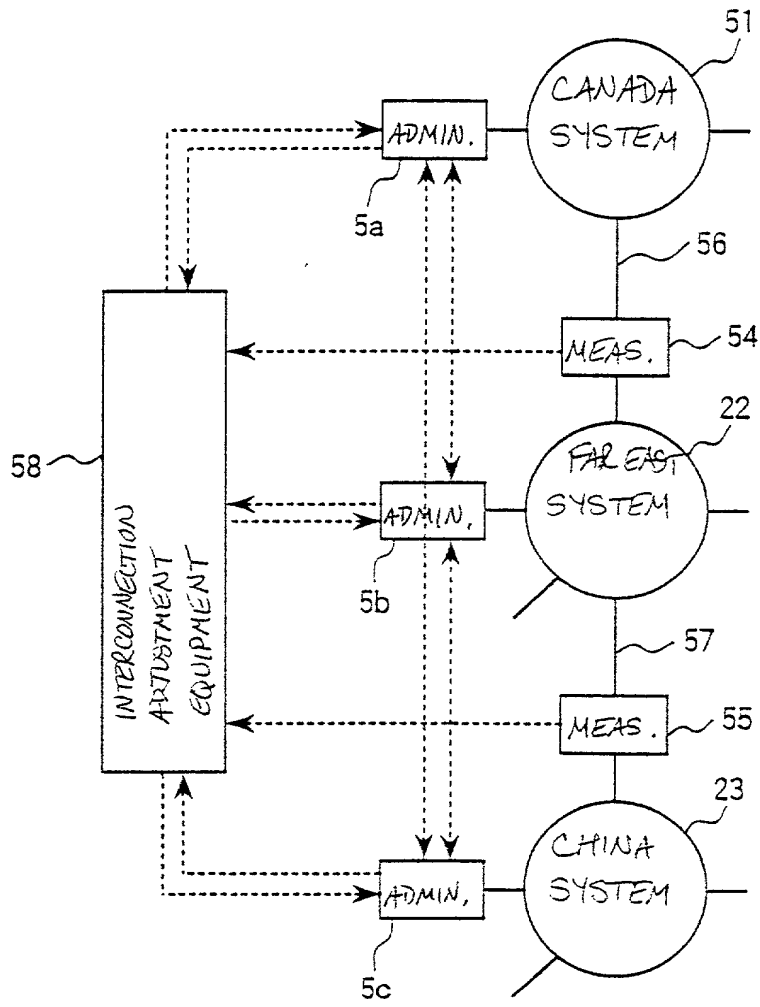


FIG. 8

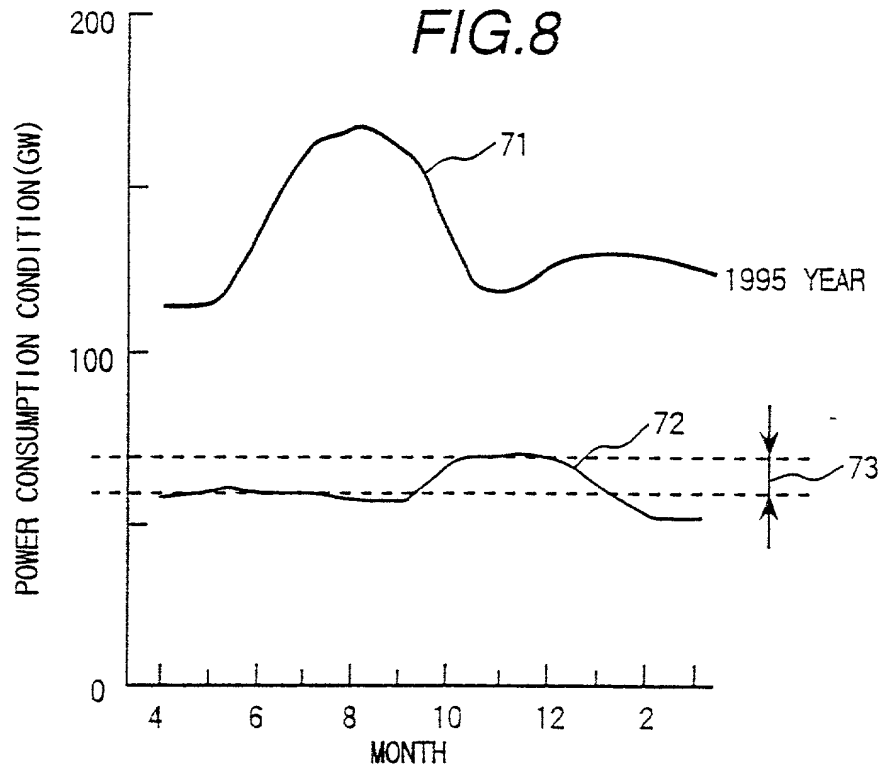


FIG. 11

